GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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TOBACCO BOARD
GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which Tobacco Board was constituted;

(b) the manner in which the Tobacco Board is helping the tobacco growers in Karnataka;

(c) whether there is any proposal to close down the Tobacco Board and to allow private parties to deal with tobacco; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) The Tobacco Board was constituted on 01.01.1976.

(b) Tobacco Board regulates crop size in order to ensure remunerative prices to growers and operates auction platforms to enable its marketing. It also helps the growers by facilitating supply of seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and spraying equipment, analysis of soil and water,popularising high yielding and disease resistant varieties, adopting measures to reduce the residue levels in tobacco etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.